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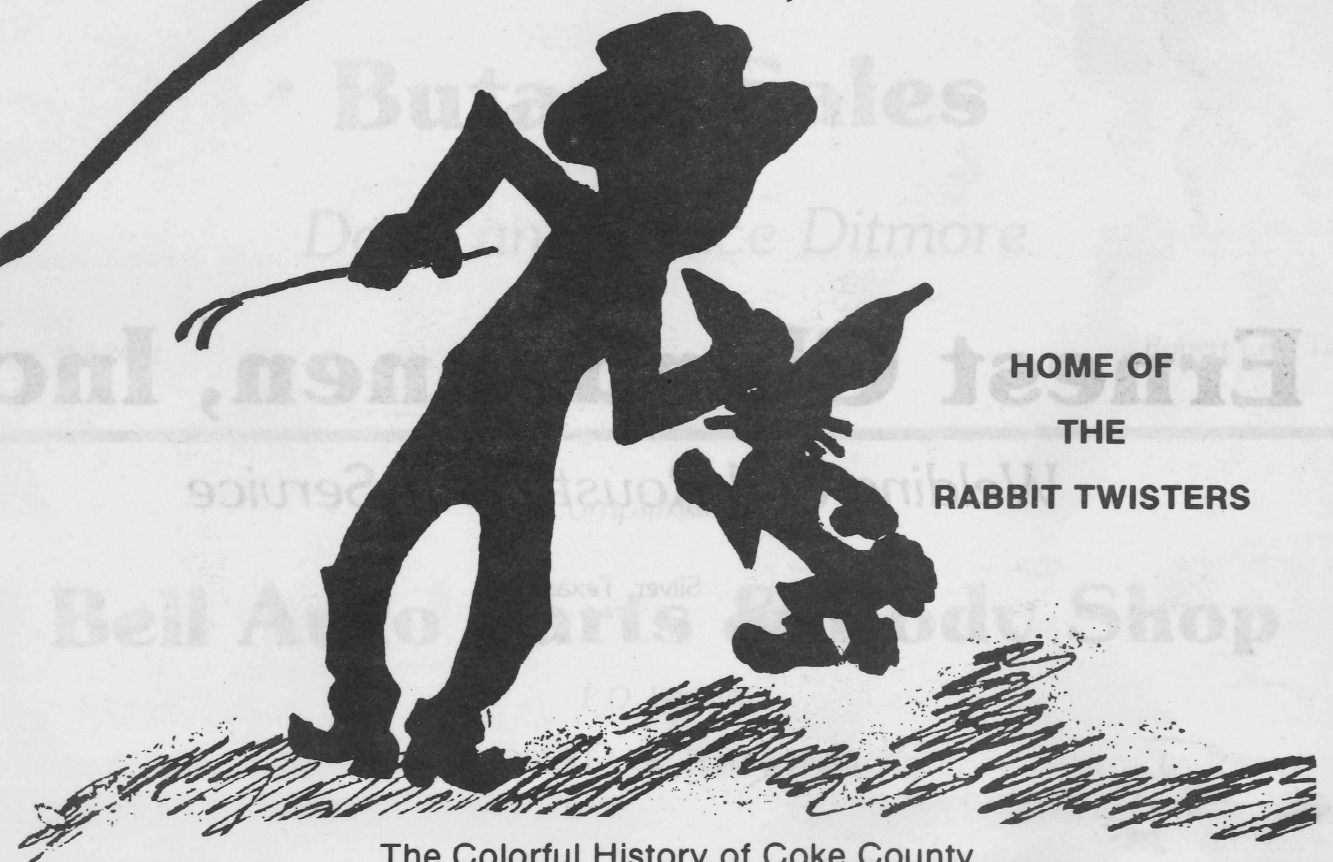
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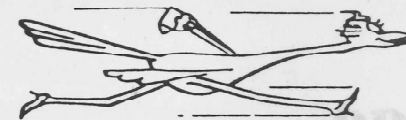
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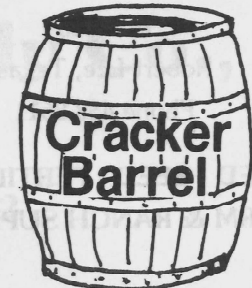
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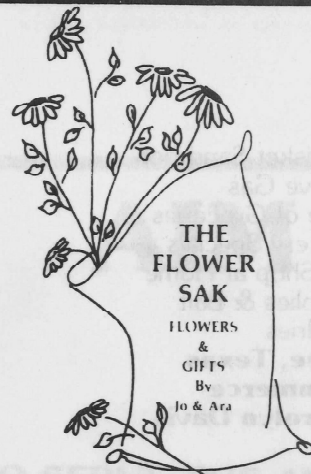
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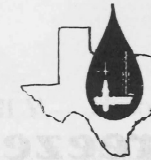
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“OLE COKE COUNTY” - Home of the Rabbit Twisters

Written & Directed by LUCILE BRYAN

ACT I
THE BEGINNING

OVERTURE: A Singin' Choir

FLAG CEREMONY: Wilson Bryan, Barbara Chesney, Choir & Audience

ACT I - THE BEGINNING

Oak Creek Powwow
Ole George, Surveyor
Legend of Mount Margaret

ACT II - GROWING PAINS

Settlers Came to Stay

INTERMISSION

Fight for the County Seat
Smoked Records and Suicide

ACT III - OLE COKE COUNTY

The Gossips
Points of View
Nothin' but Trouble

FINALE

ORIGINAL SONGS

“Ole Coke County”, Theme Song;
“Coke County Rabbit Twister”;
“Great Spirit”;
“Indian Dance”;
“We'll Never Know”;
“My Texas Home”;
“Fight Song” (melody from ballad);
“School Teacher Sweetheart”;
“Points of View”;
“Coke County - Wet? Dry?” (Lucile Bryan)
“Mount Margaret” (Tune, Kerry Mills Red Wing) Bonita Copeland;
“It's Gonna Be Home” (Tune, L. Bryan) words Don Fields;
“Meetin' at the Mott” (Tune, Pauline Vaughan) words L. Bryan;
“Rattlesnakes In My Bed” (Tune, L. Bryan) words Ross Welch;

ORIGINAL SCRIPT OTHER THAN LUCILE BRYAN:

Dialogue for W. A. Puett; Don Masters
Ole George's Story; Roy D. Holt, *Heap Many Texas Chiefs*
The Gossips; Written and directed by Don Fields
Nothin' But Trouble; Written by Kathy Post and Nita Gay Williams
Much of the historical material of the pageant is based on the book, “A HISTORY OF COKE COUNTY,
Home of the Rabbit Twisters” by Jessie Newton Yarbrough.

THEME SONG

Gather round an' listen to my fascinatin' story
about some fearless people of an early day:
Carved out a county never seeking fame or glory,
Gave themselves to building in their pioneer way.
Ole Coke County! Bold Coke County!
Those Rabbit Twisters came to stay;
Hail to the hardy pioneers who came before us;
County of Coke in Texas, U.S.A.

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Director Bonita Copeland
Pianist Barbara Chesney
Choir Members Melba Long, Gaye Williams,
Kaye Pitcock, Kathy Post, Lynda Ray,
Floy Sawyer, Frances Cox, Les Copeland
Dee McCleskey, Kenneth Lackey, Ben Boykin,
Billie Schooley, Irma Casey, & Mary Patterson

Scene I OAK CREEK POWWOW

Commanche Tribal Chief Sanaco Bill Helwig
Commanche War Chief Yellow Wolf Gary Davis
Neighboring Commanche Chief Katemcy (soloist) Dee T. McCleskey
Mother Earth Rose Mary Costilla
Voice of Thunder John Hinnard
Gentle Breeze Hazel Abbott
Indian Playtime Marie Thompson, Jonathan Garringer,
Amy Johnson, Sybil Abbott, Stephanie Bryan,
Shaye, Jason & Rusty Thompson, Ricky Post, Stephanie Rogers,
Rachel Shook, Ron Wagoner, Paul Abbott, Jon Rogers, & Joel Herring

Indian Dancers Blake Pitcock, Judd Pitcock,
John Williams, Anthony Wink, Jason Bowers, Shelbi Grim,
Lori Wink, Audra Pitcock, Jim Wagoner, & Traci Blair
Mounted Commanche Youths Jay Parker, Amie Parker,
Darla Scott, Eboni Taylor, Misti Taylor,
Brent Taylor, Scott Ray, & Thad Metcalf

Scene 2 SAM MAVERICK'S SURVEY

Happy George George Newby

Scene 3 WE'LL NEVER KNOW (LEGEND OF MT. MARGARET)

Father Glenn Skelton
Mother Barbara Jameson
Margaret, daughter Tiffany Jameson
Thomas, son Brent Jameson
Indian Stanley Ray
Thomas (as an adult).....

ACT II
GROWING PAINS

Scene 1 SETTLERS CAME TO STAY

Joseph Tomlinson Phil Ray
Susan Tomlinson, wife Debbie Stelter
Abigail Tomlinson, daughter, 16 Missy Grim
Cynthia Tomlinson, Little Sister Jodie Wagoner
Little Joe Tomlinson, son Scott Ray
Lucinda (Widder) Potter Kay Taylor
Robert Potter, son Gary Davis
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Samantha Whitaker, wife Kathy Post
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Scene 3 THREE-WAY FIGHT FOR THE COUNTY SEAT

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Reporter for *The Rustler*, in Hayrick Phil Ray
Citizens Lance Fisher, Jerome Hanna & Floy Sawyer

Scene 3 SMOKED RECORDS AND SUICIDE

Bumbles Puett Bob Taylor
Grandma Remembers It All! Della Dean
Elmer Stanley Ray
Bertha Lynda Ray

ACT III
OLE COKE COUNTY

Scene 1 THE GOSSIPS

Kate Thelma Jo Hinnard
Maud Edna Havins
Pearl Pauline Vaughan
Eller Janet Baker
Emma Mildred Reese
Love Song Kay & Bob Taylor

Scene 2 POINTS OF VIEW

FREE RANGERS:

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Scene 3 NOTHIN' BUT TROUBLE

Levi, family man Robert Wink
Edna, his wife Kathy Post
Sally, daughter Johanna Service
Joe Bob, son Jason Wink
Buck Gaylon Pitcock
Emma, wife Kaye Pitcock
Calvin Roy Ivey
Bertha, wife Gaye Williams
Harley, of Blue Goose Phil Ray
Glory, helper Debbie Stelter
George Cotton, bachelor Doug Herford
Local Temperance Leader Lynda Ray
Carry Nation, “hard agin’ Licker” Della Dean
A. W. Puett, Editor Bob Taylor

FINALE

About The Pageant

"OLE COKE COUNTY - Home of the Rabbit Twisters", was written and directed by Lucile Bryan in 1976 as a project of Robert Lee Bicentennial Committee. Her primary source of information was Jessie N. Yarbrough's, *History of Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters*. The play was produced on Robert Lee High School stage by Coke County citizens and decendents of old timers from Robert Lee and Bronte, numerous rural communities in the county, and from several college campuses.

A long range plan of the Bicentennial Committee was to construct an amphitheatre and to produce a play annually to perpetuate knowledge of the area's heritage, and to give opportunity for county-wide cultural recreation through drama. As a result of positive action, Coke County Pageant Association, Inc., was organized in 1977. Mountain Creek Amphitheatre was built in 1978 with the first annual production of "OLE COKE COUNTY - Home of the Rabbit Twisters" shown under the auspices of the new organization to appreciative audiences July 28 - 29, 1978. The sixth annual production will be seen July 22 - 23, and July 29 - 30, 1983.

Some people give Wilson and Lucile Bryan most of the credit for creating Mountain Creek Amphitheatre and the musical pageant. How did they do it? They explain, "We were available, the time was right, and many Coke County citizens pitched in to help."

Lucile Bryan, B.A., M.A., Sul Ross University, spent the last twenty-one years of her teaching career in Robert Lee as Elementary School Music Teacher. Those were the happiest of her thirty-nine years in classrooms because, she exclaims, "It was such fun to present two annual musicals with all of my pupils, kindergarten through grade six, on stage!" She loves writing for and directing large casts, but she admits "OLE COKE COUNTY - Home of the Rabbit Twisters" is her most challenging creative effort.

Wilson Bryan, retired sand, gravel, and concrete business man, easily visualized Mountain Creek Amphitheatre when he located the wasteland just below Robert Lee's City Lake on Mountain Creek. Many people on both sides of the county were asked their opinions concerning the location. The general feeling was favorable because it was adjacent to Coke County Recreation Center, two baseball fields, and other county recreation facilities; electricity was already available; the area was made available to the Association at no expense; and no other land was offered as an alternative. Work on the theatre was begun December 7, 1977.

The Bryans believe in the value of "OLE COKE COUNTY - Home of the Rabbit Twisters." Their dream that Coke County Pageant Association, Inc., might live, that its purposes might prosper, and that more and more Rabbit Twisters would become involved, has become a reality. Numerous young people are writing script, composing music, and directing. Others create props and work with construction and operation of the theatre and its light and sound systems, thus providing continuity and growth of the play and the organization. The Bryans urge "Join in! Coke County's Heritage is worth the saving!"



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We "Rabbit Twisters" of Coke County are proud of our heritage and feel that the production of this pageant will serve to make the history and appreciation of this heritage more real. The dedication of the director, actors, musicians, writers, composers and the Coke County Pageant Association members had made this a meaningful addition to the cultural life of the county wide community.

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